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**From:** Christopher Flavelle (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)  
**Sent:** Mon 8/17/2015 4:36:59 PM  
**Subject:** Re: checking in

Let me make my earlier question more specific: Did the EPA perform an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis before starting work at the Gold King Mine? I'm told it did not; if that's correct, could you tell me why not? If that's not correct, please let me know.

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From: StClair.Christie@epa.gov At: Aug 17 2015 09:33:33  
To: Christopher Flavelle (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:), Macintyre.Mark@epa.gov  
Subject: Re: checking in

Hi Chris,

Just heard your vm. We actually haven't forgotten you - our experts have just been pretty tied up. I've discussed your inquiry with Mark MacIntyre, who is rotating into the JIC so I can return to dc. Mark will follow up with our staff to see if they've been able to get this info for you yet.

Christie

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On Aug 14, 2015, at 11:43 AM, "Christopher Flavelle (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)" <cflavelle@bloomberg.net> wrote:

Christie, hi, I wanted to see whether you had been able to get any of the info I asked for.

Best,

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Subject: RE: Re:

These are great questions, Chris. And I love that you don't need them tonight! ☺

You're talking noon MTN or EDT? Either way I think we can get this done.

Is it Friday yet?

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 8:24 PM

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**Subject:** Re:

Christie, one more question for tomorrow: roughly how many removal or remediation efforts does the EPA undertake each year, and how many involve the time-critical designation?

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From: Christie StClair

At: 13-Aug-2015 18:21:47

**Hi Chris, what is your deadline?**

**Thanks!**

**Christie**

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 12:50 PM

**To:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn

**Subject:** Following up

Laura, as I mentioned on the phone, I'm trying to find out whether the EPA's removal action at Gold King, which I'm told was designated "time critical," was preceded by an engineering evaluation. My understanding is that such evaluations aren't required for time-critical removal actions, but that doesn't necessarily mean none was conducted. Could you let me know?

Best,

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